

Duchesne County **FACTS**



Updated August 2009

Population

<i>As of July 1st</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Population	14,933	15,237	15,585	16,163	16,765
% Change of the Prior Year	1.6%	2.0%	2.3%	3.7%	3.7%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee.

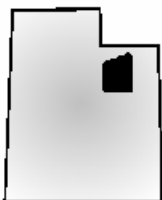
<http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

<i>As of July 1st</i>	2008
Altamont	194
Duchesne	1,612
Myton	597
Roosevelt	5,025
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
Labor Force	7,342	7,735	8,507	9,198	10,257
Employed	6,924	7,396	8,263	8,981	9,993
Unemployed	417	339	244	216	264
Rate	5.7%	4.4%	2.9%	2.3%	2.6%
Nonfarm Jobs	5,404	5,827	6,588	7,380	8,405
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Mining	534	657	981	1,252	1,616
Construction	407	526	645	835	1,074
Manufacturing	132	151	152	157	217
Trade/Trans/Utilities	1,167	1,305	1,444	1,634	1,982
Information	177	183	172	184	197
Financial Activities	149	157	170	194	201
Profess/Business Svcs	147	148	165	190	198
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	442	447	466	455	407
Leisure/Hospitality	393	387	454	472	482
Other Services	152	170	189	192	169
Government	1,706	1,697	1,749	1,815	1,864
Total Establishments	551	597	667	727	743
Total Wages (\$Millions)	146.2	177.7	227.4	292.1	367.3

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

Oil and gas remains a mainstay of Duchesne County's economy. Important expanding industries also include government services, trade, transportation, and utilities. The growth of Ute Tribal enterprises also gives a boost to the County's economy.

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—What Recession?

While most areas felt the first pangs of recession during 2008, Duchesne County enjoyed another year of breakneck job growth. The bubble in the oil/gas market continued to expand long after the housing bubble started its slow retrenchment. However, the collapse of energy prices has already begun affect Duchesne County employment.

Population

Population growth continued at an impressive pace in 2008. Duchesne County's population increased by 3.7 percent for the second year in a row ranking the county among the ten fastest-growing Utah counties. Growth was far slower statewide—only 2.2 percent. In addition, 2008 marked the fifth straight year of net in-migration as more residents moved in than moved out.

The Labor Market

Skyrocketing energy prices have allowed Duchesne County to flourish while others flailed during the current recession. In 2008, the county marked its third straight year of double-digit employment growth. Moreover, at almost 14-percent expansion and more than 1,000 new jobs, the county experienced its most rapid growth in decades. This brisk pace of job creation placed the county firmly on top of the state's list of fastest growing counties.

Once again, the oil and gas (mining) industry proved the dominant job creator. However, the supportive industries of construction and transportation/warehousing also added substantial numbers of new positions. Even manufacturing joined the job-winners—an unusual event in the midst of a national recession.

However, all industries didn't share in the employment booty. In stark contrast to most areas where this industry is one of the few employment expanders, Duchesne County's private healthcare/social services industry dropped positions as did other services.

The county's jobless rate did tick up a notch, but it's hard for Duchesne County to complain with a 2008 unemployment rate of only 2.6

percent. That's only three-tenths of a point higher than the record low set in 2007 and the third-lowest rate in the state. In fact, such a low rate of joblessness causes its own difficulties because employers struggle to find workers in such a tight labor market.

Wages

It wasn't just employment that exploded in 2008, Wages also kept rising. A tight labor market coupled with the addition of high-paying jobs combined to drive the county's average monthly wage up more than 10 percent in just one year. For most counties, a wage gain of 4 percent would be considered very robust. At \$3,642, Duchesne County displayed the second-highest average monthly wage in the state (second only to neighbor Uintah County). Lucky Duchesne County where the average wage measures 117 percent of the comparable statewide wage. Just five years ago, the county's average wage measured 83 percent of the state figure.

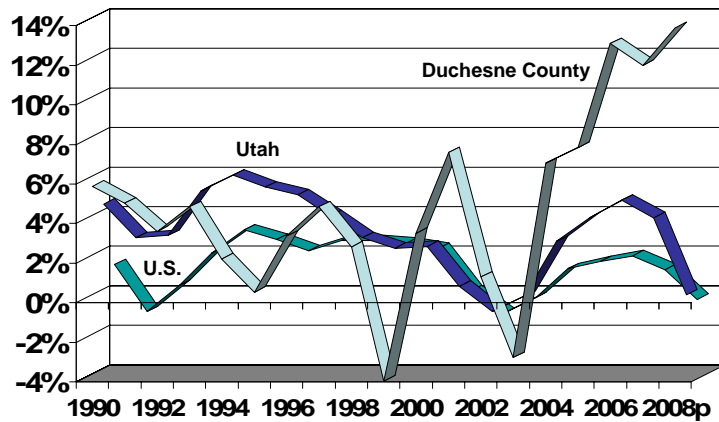
Other Indicators

Despite an influx of workers and residents, Duchesne County suffered the same downturn in residential building as did economically strapped areas. Home permits dropped 30 percent during 2008. A doubling of nonresidential permits kept overall permit value losses low—about 6 percent. On the other hand, gross taxable sales skyrocketed on the shoulders of business investment expenditures. Overall, sales rose 30 percent during 2008.

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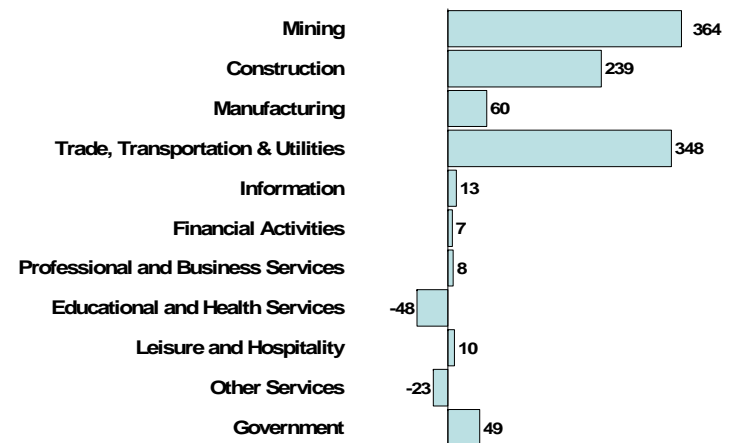
Can it last? The speculation that drove up oil and gas prices to exorbitant levels has waned in recent months. Not surprisingly, so has much of the associated employment growth. By March 2009, Duchesne County's expansion had almost evaporated. Mining employment was still up on a year-to-year basis. However, both construction and manufacturing had already begun to shed positions.

Change in Duchesne County Nonfarm Jobs



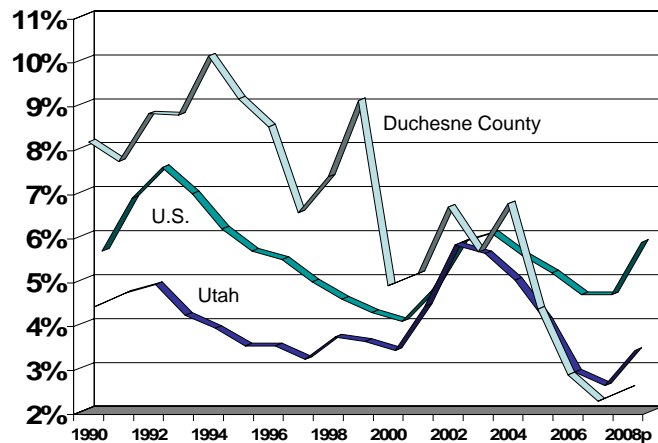
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

2007-2008 Duchesne County Change in Jobs by Industry



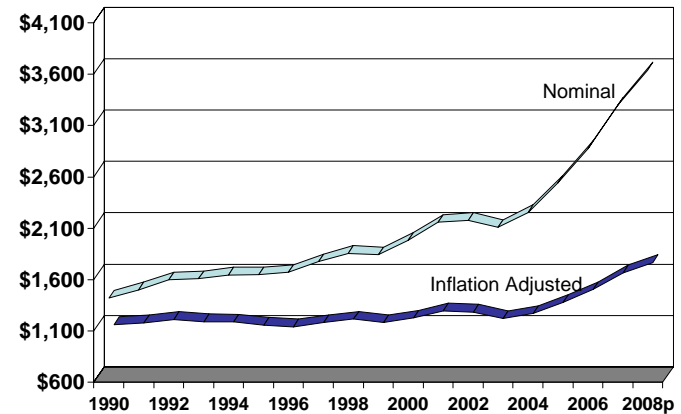
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Annual Unemployment Rates



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Duchesne County Average Monthly Wage



Note: Inflation adjusted wages reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 1982-84=100
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	343.9	392.9	459.9	534.1	NA
Per Capita Income	23,171	25,939	29,800	32,996	NA
Median Household Income Estimates	39,346	42,144	41,794	49,374	NA
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	2,254	2,541	2,877	3,298	3,642

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saie/>

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Sales and Building

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	217,724	279,290	364,150	411,656	535,197
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	17,055	23,754	26,740	48,582	45,743
New Residential Building Permits	158	211	218	246	172
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	14,462	19,118	23,224	40,898	32,077

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	36.8%
65 years and over	9.4%
Median Age	28.3
Persons per Household	3.11
Persons per Family	3.51
Female-Headed Families	8.9%
High School Graduates	81.0%
College Graduates	12.7%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	50.6%
Male Participation	70.9%
Self-Employed	9.9%
Commute Time (minutes)	22.4
Median Family Income	\$35,350
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$31,988
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$19,692
Persons Below Poverty	16.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Duchesne County School District
 Uintah Basin Medical Center
 New Field Exploration Co.
 RN Industry Trucking
 Cash Meat Market
 Duchesne County
 Frontier Drilling
 Nile Chapman Construction
 RJ Taylor Welding And Construction
 Second Nature Therapeutic Practice
 State of Utah
 Uintah Basin Telecommunications
 Unit Drilling Company
 Western States Company
 Al's Foodtown
 Basin Western
 Burdick Paving

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

Population by Race	2000
White	88.0%
Black	0.2%
American Indian	4.7%
Asian	0.2%
Pacific Islanders	0.1%
Other	2.1%
Hispanic/All Races	4.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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